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Elihu Root's Melancholy Failure.

We are willing to concede that the Hon. ELIHU ROOT is the most irresistible compeller of peace of our acquaintance. Any doubt Mr. Root himself had upon the subject must have been set at rest at the dinner of the Peace Society. But why, we ask, should the Hon. ELIRU ROOT, peace angel accredited by this nation to all the peoples of the earth, white, yellow and black, deliberately and without obvious provocation precipitate a domestic breach of peace of colossal proportions?

Before Mr. Root's recent visit to Albany there came forth from the several sources of veracity at the capital precise information as to the character of the speech he was to deliver. From the direction of the statesmen who are engaged in the laudable work of preserving a form of representative government that permits them to do all the ing as their champion to kill the reform dragon. From the ubiquitous "friend of the Governor" came the inspired intimation that Mr. Root was to bring the decisive aid of his indorsement to the Governor's latest plan for attaining heaven by climbing rainbows.

Then Root came, he spoke, he dehis complete contempt for the Gover- cess to the notoriety of the author and The first train to cross was a heavy deathtrap of the Santiago channel. discord comes the insistent voice of the be larger, is large enough to make him made no report of the fire. The next ern men in Congress to demand justice reform is assured."

macy, we insist that diplomacy may do only by his public post. in Santo Domingo or Caracas, but never This Presidential magazining is not didn tor couldn't see it. The manager said to gation when he said: ernor" exactly what he was driving at elected and is paid to do. last Thursday night?

A Return to a Painful Subject.

to wrath are indicated unmistakably in from you. the dignified chirography of the Boston woman who writes us this letter: TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! I AM SO

any credit, that I have recently addressed to that newspaper the following remonstrance:

clems without any word of explanation as to " You do this constantly. Pray, do not think

foregoing communication, but I know it was

" A CONSTANT READER OF THE TRANSCRIPT AND THE SUN. " Doblus, rebruary 12."

poor old kleptomaniae than we our- own, a great deal of anxiety. selves have been? Last July the Ercis received in many virtuous homes. It

attentions. Why this should be so we no more presumes than England does management." hesitate to surmise. Our goods, bought to dictate a constitution for Persia. The roads are now run, if Mr. FAGAN

tigo of cupidity, an unconquerable, in- of Persia. The next experiment must DAILY, For Year 6 00 cal literature referred to above by The technical assistance required in SUNDAY, Per Year. F...... 2 00 our Boston correspondent. The Tran- reorganizing the administration and DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Year \$ 00 script has no specialty of theft. Just finances of the country might at the person who is the terror of the great the help of the Russian and British govby Irish baby lace, hairpins and coal assistance to the Shah's reformed govhods when the kleptomaniac tendency ernment, however, nothing is contemis once inflamed, so does the clutch of plated.

than THE SUN has been with the offences anarchy. of this incorrigible offender, it is not our purpose to catalogue the efforts we have made to warn and restrain the case of absolute necessity.

Council. In that high quarter of mu- as this: nicipal responsibility, as we learn, the some time ago on one of the most important price. Where lots cost say \$30,000 giants of the strenuous sex have their consideration and action.

That is right. In the proceedings of the Boston Common Council on January 28 with regard to the Transcript's pur-

The President and the Magazine Devil.

It is no part of the duty and business with fear and trembling; but we are helpless." of the President, so far as that duty and business can be ascertained in the Con- tor of discipline, is not hard to discern parted. Now there arises at Albany a stitution, to write pieces for magazines in this situation. Nor is this an unusual din that is deafening, a vocal mèlée that or papers. Nor is there good custom incident. A method of inspection in by inference, of course—demonstrated value. They owe their temporary suctrain crews passing over the bridge him under the Spanish guns through the or the cadence of poetry uttered in an the complete contempt for the Gover-cess to the notoriety of the author and the first train to cross was a heavy deathtrap of the Santiago channel.

Mr. Root's indorsement—by inference, a good many other conservative citi- the incident. What should have been of the Army. The great body of them will avoid the universal Barnumizing of ous. But Mr. FAGAN tells the story: of the square deal to deny it to United claim this the canvas of a master. We respectfully submit that this is his predecessor; and in particular the

in Albany. In the name, the holy name dignifying to the President. It is weari- him. in substance: 'I am very sorry that I am of peace, dear to us as to Mr. Root, will some to the public. Finally, the Presi- unable to remove you from your engine for in "I wore the uniform of the United States for Cezanne of "L'Enlivement," ducing directness of language tell the be done. He has no business to seek aware as I am that every trestle and wooden where an emitsted man was punished Albany statesmen and the mysterious and ubiquitous "friend of the Gov- the probable neglect of what he was trap. It is surely not too much to ask you to remember this every time you approach or run tent of thirty days imprisonment without a court-

is only too abundant. Yet may we say gine. That is all have to say to you: you may go. If THE SUN is any judge of handwritt to him, kindly and hopefully: Resist Then the engineman of the second train was ing, a charitable judgment and slowness | the magazine devil, and he will flee called into the office. The manager thanked him

The Situation in Persia.

aggravated by the way the Evening Transcript tion concerning the state of things in road I grant you a month's leave of absence ifts your criticisms bodily, without giving you Persia which as yet has been forth- with full pay. coming is set forth in the memorandum " so far, so good. But before long the griev of the Czar's Government laid before ance committee of the brotherhood took the Would you please explain, Mr. Editor of the the British Foreign Office which has matter up and informed the manager that he Transcript, to an amused reader why you so been published in the London Times. would have to cancel his disposition of the case. It should be recalled that the southern in plain English it was against the principles and their source? For instance, in a recent issue you give a criticism or notice of Manlan's reyou give a criticism or notice or MARLER'S re. Direction or notice or market or notice or notice or market or notice THE SUN of that morning, and not one word of tively little disturbed by the anarchic it creates distinction where no distinction is rec credit do you give to TRE SUN for the matter condition of the rest of the country, ognized. It makes a difference in the pay schedwhereas the chaotic situation which use where no variation is permitted in favor of that all floston is so provincial as never to see a the Mejlis or Persian Parliament has ment committee, and so far as the public and the " Of course the Transcript hasn't printed the tended to keep the Transcaucasian management are concerned it remains the law territories of Russia in a restless con- on the subject." dition. Russia, therefore, is naturally So no engineer is likely to exert himdesirous to put an end to the disturbed self to win special approbation. Mr. in the French republic, for example, are We appreciate the honorable senti- would come from her. Twelve months himself in the welfare of the road, ments of our friend in Boston, but are of anarchy in a neighboring state have "Why?" asked the engineer. "Your prompted to ask her a question: Why naturally caused the Czar's Govern- pocketbook and your self-respect, should she be less patient with this ment, which has local troubles of its answered Mr. FAGAN. The engineer

Something must be done, but both "Not at all. You must give me a definite, ning Transcript was seventy-nine years Russia and Great Britain are opposed concrete illustration. I must get some actual old. Next July it will be eighty. It to forcible intervention. Can nothing return for any special interest I take over and attends divine worship on Sundays and be effected by moral sussion and non- above the routine of my work. But we want this laddy ideality and enthusiasm. He speaks conleads an outwardly respectable life during the other six days of the week. It is received in many virtuous homes. It Persian customs under foreign control.

as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body, and not separate illustrations as indicating and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body and enthusiasm. He speaks control as a body and not separate illustrations ar Persian customs under foreign control, on a locomotive is wasted. Make a bargain with obeys several of the Ten Command- the supervisors and directors being a us and we will actually save you 25 per cent. of ments and observes not a few of the few Belgians. These Belgians have your coal bill. Moreover, there are a score of important proprieties of Christian ex- contrived not only to provide the other ways in which economy can be exercised istence. And yet day after day, week necessary interest on Persia's foreign in our department and quite as many in which after week, month after month and loans but to give the Shah practically the comfort and convenience of the travelling year after year it persists in felonious the only regular resources of his treaspractices which sooner or later must land it either in the police station or in Somerville.

Perhaps we may be permitted to ad
Definition of the outcome of this experiment on a small scale shows that all the Persians require is instruction in the arts of government. Up to the present day place this stock in the hands of our unions we will be supported by the country of the public but if you, the raitroad, will set aside a block of your stock of a value equivalent to the saving we are prepared to guarantee to you and place this stock in the hands of our unions we will mit, without the appearance of ostenta- the country has never had anything at once talk and act cooperation with you to some tion, that THE SUN has long had the dis- like a budget, or in other words an purpose. At the same time we candidly confess tinguished honor to be the chief object attempt to balance income with outgo, to you that we desire to hold and control this stock of the Boston newspaper's predatory Russia, of course, in her memorandum with the ultimate object of getting a share in the

lar copyright notice, seem to exercise tion to be granted by the Shah shall unions. The railroad managers are on its prehensile propensities a fasci- give fair representation to all classes of helpless. The railroad superintendent, nation and to excite an irresistible de-sire for possession. In the presence of the clergy, the merchants and the peas-cations, is blotted out. THE SUN'S pages the demure old Tran- antry ought all to be represented. The script is hypnotized, grows giddy, loses Russian Government recognizes that all sense of the difference between the Mejlis now defunct was in no sense right and wrong, experiences a ver- a representative assembly of the people curable impulse to seize and make its be, and to that end the joint efforts of as the prim, quiet, inconspicuous old request of the Shah be provided with department stores is equally tempted ernments. Beyond such purely technical

impartially upon our sporting news essentially rich but suffering from bad and our military and naval intelligence, administration. The establishment of a our editorial and semi-editorial utter- rational form of representative assemances, and our miscellaneous reading bly would assure the control of the nation matter of every description; and so over the past and present irregularities do they disappear alike in the immor- which have disgraced all the departally capacious pocket that is concealed ments of government. With some asbeneath that decent looking black sistance in the technicalities of state economy Persia should recover from When we ask our exasperated friend the intolerable conditions of the immein Boston why she should be less patient morial past and of the present state of

Masters of the Rail.

Mr. JAMES O. FAGAN, the literary rail-Evening Transcript without recourse to way signal man, publishes in the Atthe harsher punitive processes. We lantic Monthly for March another paper return on the capital invested. The shall advertise THE SUN'S Christian on the relations between railroad emforbearance in this respect only on the ployees, railroad managers and the builders have known all along that tengreat Judgment Day, and then only in public. Mr. FAGAN already has made ants prefer light and airy to dark, unus nervous about taking a trip on Meanwhile it is encouraging to note a steam road, and his latest contribu- been any difficulty about designing though so transfigured by this dreamer that at last the Transcript's conduct, so tion does not serve to ease the mind. He hygienic houses on large sites. The that they are seemingly of No Man's discreditable to Boston literature and believes the public should know the so annoying to Bostonian pride, has actual conditions, and these he illuscome to the attention of the Common trates by the use of such anecdotes

deplorable facts have not only been railroad systems in the country an engineman each a tenement on a roomy site with exhibited but they have been discussed, while backing his train into a yard called in his reservation for light and ventilation are to the looker on in New York. Be spread upon the records in the form of flagman before the train was in to clear. As the means a heavy investment of capital. a city document, and, we suppose, re- result his engine was 'sideswiped' by a passenferred to the appropriate committee for ger train and several employees were injured. After a thorough investigation into the accident itself, and considering the previous record of the property of this cost is not likely to be man, the superintendent of the division, his turned over quickly in the real estate Last June in these columns we spoke of assistant, and the superintendent of motive market. The tendency in speculative Davies as being both mystic and realist. power, reported to the general manager that the building is therefore to produce as At the first plunge into his "misty midloinings from THE SUN we recognize that man in question in their opinion was unit to be much dwelling space as possible on as region" the shock to eye and intellect representing we had the authoritative fine old New England spirit which never in charge of an engine. In the words of the small a site as the building law will per- is so sharp that it may seem a mere flinched from the open discussion of superintendent: We might just as well have mit. This tendency can be regulated paradox, this assertion of ours. neighborhood scandals in town meeting, saved ourselves the trouble and time given to the matter. The usual number of marks that applies to his offence was added to the man's record and that is all there was to it. We now ple-but is hardly influenced by model watch the going out and coming in of that man tenements. Their true field of usefulness

Evil communications corrupt good gers in your charge and keeping. In my opinion over a bridge with the lives of hundreds of passen nanners, and Mr. TAFT's good nature you are not a safe man to be in charge of an enand complimented him in flattering terms for his punished the guilty there." conduct to regard to the fire under the bridge. Finally he said to him: 'As a slight acknowledg- from the Sixth Alabama district! ment of your prompt action and praiseworths The most lucid and sensible informa- conduct in the interests of the passengers and the

state of things, and it was to be expected FAGAN told an engineer on the New monarchical, effete, disgusting and danthat the first suggestions to that effect Haven system that he should interest said promptly:

and paid for and printed under the regu- She simply advises that the constitu- does not overdraw the situation, by the

Model Tenements. The model tenements which Mrs. WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT, Sr., is about to erect in Seventy-seventh and Seventyeighth streets between Avenues A and B are notable as representing the first entirely effective idea that private philanthropy has applied to the solution of the housing problem in this town. requirements of tuberculosis patients, they are to remain under the super- its painted imagery might be from Dante, vision of the Presbyterian Hospital and will be in effect sanitaria for consumptives among the poor. The Vanderbilt tenements will supply dwellings constructed in conformity with principles which cannot properly be embodied in any general building law and which do sea, sky or land? That clear, flame hued not commend themselves to speculative sky, with the sun below the horizon, yet building enterprise. The provision of sending up as if from an incandescent were by the white plague should be west are church spires like sharpened a peculiarly fruitful and commendable philanthropy. Plenty of model tenements have been viewed such a picture? Perhaps

demonstration has been superfluous, for ventilated rooms. Nor has there ever which may have been Hoboken once. problem confronting the speculative Land. Transfiguring imagination Dabuilder has always been to produce a house that will not only bring in a fair rent but that can be sold at a moderate The Vanderbilt tenements, for example, will cost \$250,000 aniece. However,

by general statute-the excellent tenement house act now in force is an examis some such special service as that con-The ruler of the road, the real dicta- templated by Mrs. VANDERBILT.

The Old Hobson.

puts to shame all the suffragette explo- and precedent for such writing. For use on certain roads is the "surprise Representative Richmond Pearson hate him. There is no middle ground. sions of the century. Amid the din of pleasure no President is likely to write. test." In carrying this out the general Hobson made in the House yesterday To say that his art recalls the Primivoices and the roar of infinite iteration He cannot write for glory and adver- manager and other officers of a large in favor of the bill for the relief of the tives. Botticelli, Blake, Burne-Jones, the Hon. Bill Barnes, the Hon. John tising; he has enough and to spare of system built a fire under a high wooden discharged battalion of the Twenty-RAINES, and even the shy, retiring ser- them. He cannot write for the good bridge in such a way as to give the fifth Infantry the natural valor of the vant of Chenango, the Hon. JOTHAM P. that he can do, save to publishers and appearance of great danger to the man flamed up. We venture to say that ALLDS, clamor together that, as they himself. Articles wrung from him by structure. They then concealed them- it was an exhibition of courage greater expected, the speech of Mr. Root has importunity can have small literary selves to watch the behavior of the than the impetuous daring that carried

main within the barracks and should have ordered a court of inquiry followed by a court-mar tlat, and should have established the guilt and

Spoken man fashion by the Democrat

Mr. Woodet FF has changed his mind, - Tribune, We wonder what he gave "to boot."

Pomp and display are essential to the life and maintenance of a monarch. They weaken and corrupt a republic. Mr. STANLEY of Kentucky in the Congressional Record. than the combined armies of the world could furnish. But let us distinguish. "Pomp and display" over the other side

simplicity and innocent merriment Mr. Farler on His Style.

TO THE POHOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The chul tion of Mr. Schmitz with reference to the char teristics of my style that was published in THE en of February 22 appeals to my sense of humor. He undoubtedly belongs to the old school of duty and desiring above all things to repress escape an early anchorage in the cove of

NEW YORK, Pebruary 17. JOHN F. PARLEY.

To a Doomed Lion O lion, soon foredoomed to death, Our gratitude we give. That greater still may live. Your dying roar will shake the air and be in eighty million cars

As sweetest melody pon the spot where you shall fall shaft we shall uprear. and on the marble carve your fame Though naturalists may grow confused Twill be of little not

"Here lies the Eagle's goat. MCLANDBURGH WILCON A PAINTER VISIONARY.

who could praise with equal fervor the twoscore new canvases painted by Arthur B. Davies now hanging at the Macbeth Galleries, 450 Fifth avenue. Never has the Davies harvest been so abundant, though his field of art is not without its tares. At his best he is a stumbling worst-cloudiest he is an interrogation mark. There are some pictures which explain the mystification with which his work is received by the public. The reversed legs and upturned soles of that man in a certain picture-surely it must Designed to meet the special hygienic be difficult for the unregenerate to keep the face straight when facing it. Yet from that unforgettable canto which Dord so smugly illustrated. The height of the wide hipped Davies female, too, puzzles. Why should the Moonstone lady tower forty feet above mother earth? Why is a decoration a decoration? And the Davies color! Was it ever seen on dwellings of this sort for a numerous pit vibrations of mingled saffron and class of the population set apart as it sulphur, while silhouetted against the lead pencils, gables of vast castles, and the cliffs of some strange city by the seawhere, we ask, could Mr. Davies have erected in the interest of housing re- didn't, but many New Yorkers last Thursform, but the main purpose hereto- day evening did so, after the sharp winds fore has been to influence speculative had broomed the sky clean of clouds building by demonstrating that sani- and let us witness the glory of the setting tary housing will command a fair sun over Hoboken. Yes, prosaic Hobofied Hoboken, with the towers of the monastery above, a black mass suspended

There are several pictures at Macbeth's vies possesses, coupled with a mas-tery of technical means. His art is often a glass obscure for us, but there is no meaning for the painter, puzzling as they sure that if the anatomy is agonized it is to force into an arbitrary harmony some interior vision. Instead of mocking this painter visionary let us rather see him as a man in the grip of his temperament. maintain it. Despite the novelty of his arabesques-for he is as decorative as poetic-his actual workmanship plants his dramatis persona on mother earth. They may be uncannily large, these unclad ladies and gentlemen, but they are human. They possess very earthly emotions when you study them. It is the slight, perpetual shock administered by the fresh vision of Davies that so exalts me, startles others. You like him or Boecklin, Moreau, is to speak the truth; but it is always Arthur B. Davies who has the chief say in his work. Half a dozen pictures haunt at this

nor's plan and his entire oneness with not to their merit. We must regard express. Its engineer gave no signal, There were plenty of volunteers for absolute beauty of the composition and them in their great and unselfish public money then as the main consideration. passed on at full speed and left the that forlorn hope. There have been its beautiful presentment. Consider a endeavor. Yet sweetly through the The President's salary, while it ought to bridge, for all he knew, to burn. He precious few volunteers among Southdiscord comes the insistent voice of the be larger, is large enough to make him made no report of the fire. The next ern men in Congress to demand justice independent of the editors.

Train gave the alarm, the crew put out for the victims of the President's abuse the fire and at the proper office reported of authority as Commander in Chief emerald tones, its profoundly stirring zens who hope, that the next President the fate of these engineers seems obvi-"A few days later the general manager called States soldiers cast in dishonor from the care not whether he saw it in Hoboken going on for a number of years, but New not proper work for a peace provoker, selling of his pen, the everlasting inthe engineers of his pen, the everlasting inthe engineers of his pen, the engineers of the open. It is beautiful to the open the pen about it or know little and care less. If, as we suspect, the Albany affair was trusion of his private opinions made the engineman of the first train into his office. Service without trial. It was never a from memory or in the open. It is beau- about it or know little and care less. The evidence was altogether too strong for the racial question. They made it one. It from memory or in the open. It is beau- about it or know little and care less. The evidence was altogether too strong for the racial question. only an involuntary lapse into diplo- interesting, if they have any interest, engineman to question, and Mr. Hos- tiful. Near by is a sinister picture; a widely varying subjects are given nightly so be fell back upon the simple excuse that he son laid the service under a deep obli- giant is carrying off a woman. "Unguarded Night" is the title. It might have come prised to see that practically no publicity from Courbet, or Cozanne-the early is given to these lectures. Thus a great he not frankly and with a peace pro- dent has more than enough that must excusable carelessness. You are just as well eighteen years, and I have never known a case painted under the influence of Delacroix. Albany statesmen and the mysterious more work for his own benefit and to the probable neglect of what he was Baudelaire. A few feet away is that fair. martial. When these crimes were committed at smiling fantasy "The Choral Sea," a Brownsville the President of the United States vision of the poet's Greece, with its white should have ordered all officers and men to re nubile creatures; ecstasy is in the air, particular neighborhood, but the transient joyful is the rhythmic life. It is a study to tonal values. "The Uncouth Shen- never hears anything of these lectures. herd" is too much Boecklin for our taste; a better Boecklin is "Alchemy," in which is expressed the perfect fusion of the soul with a lovely scene, the sky of which Boecklin himself would have envied because of its translucent depths. Another sky, with clouds, which to be enjoyed in all its massive serenity should be seen from the inner gallery, is the picture called "Homage to the Ocean." There is a Shellevilke touch of rhapsody here manufacturer which to describe would be to end in unorrupt a republic.—Mr. STANLET of Keniucky in the Congressional Record.

Oh, no, or this republic would be corrupt and weak. Where in the world is verbal virtuosity should be made in writpublic would be constant. The company did the control of th there more pomp and display than in ing of the Davies compositions. Let us not deliver the package before December 31 and these United States? Where, in the West- not wriggle on the tripod of divagation. | collected \$1.90 besides. I have not been able to Let us not read in or out of his canvases get this evident piece of graft corrected or the geous uniforms, more parades and ama-mystical meanings. If you can't fathom teur military organizations to the square the painter's riddle-and it may be coninches, more societies of high flown names fessed that Browning, Mallarme or Dehas followed the arbitrary dismissal of any man. This was the decision of the adjust and resonant titles? Why, there must be bussy never offered such riddles as his Jersey with authority to investigate such a case more Colonels in any Kentucky county titles-there remain the problems of handling, of lovely surfaces, of exotic tints, of terrific anatomizings for your edification. What does "Avatar" mean? Its para ble, is it so knotty to decipher? A chain gerous. Over here they are democratic of humans in poignant involutions lie

supine or struggle desperately on the hither side of the Elysian Field, in which stands an august figure. "In Vishnu land, what Avatar?" asks Browning. The uncoiling from the mortal self of the imperishable part would be an interpretation easy to graft upon the Davies title; but is it what he means? We can not say. Let us hug our delusion. Or is "A Measure of Dreams" any clearsition. In the matter of beautiful stances he must perforce consort more freely pigments it will make a special appeal to the artist's fellow craftsmen. functional line is vital. The woman is atill in modulation. Davies is a draughtsman of the first order. What he can do when leaving the primrose path of convention, when he sees the human figure as a mere pattern to be broken into hundred meanings, or a symbol that must be made to coalesce with the larger symbols of earth, sea and sky, we know to our admiration and despair. Luckily the nainter often gets the better of the poet. Look at "The Counter Turn." Here is problem in modelling. Movement of a tortuous sort is clearly indicated. The youth is nude. The maid is clothed; her loosely handled robe is stained by glintings of pale gold. The luminous sky across the water ought to answer the question: Is Davies a colorist? He is un-

surpassed in the delineation of pure atmos- RAPID TRANSIT IN NEW YORK pheric effects. He can also suggest a It would be indeed a devil's advocate stuffy, languorous at mosphere, as in that woman, old gold in tone, who reclines in

One of the rivals to "A Measure of

some enchanted wood

Dreams" is the large, symbolic picture "Maya, Mirror of Illusions." The ten elect virgins with mauve dappling their nude backs and thighs gaze wistfully marked decentralization of population block for most of us, at his-he has no into the mirror of Maya; Maya, the great mother of illusions. The landscape might be found in D'Annunzio's novel "Virgin of the Rocks"; we are content to suggest it stenographically. The coloring is rather pallid, the mood chilly, but as ice burns, so is there spiritual heat in this enraptured parable. The only masters we may compare it to are Botticelli-the women make a sweet Botticellian loopor to Edward Burne-Jones's "Mirror of Venus." Yet it does not proceed from the "Primayera," nor has it the rich, smoky enchantment of the Burne-Jones. What people, as against 163,000 in 1905. does it signify? Isn't the title expressive enough? Maya-illusion! Of all earthly illusions, is there any other comparable to woman-even when she boasts mauve reflects? The mirror may be the mirror of matrimony! But hush! These are fables for the disillusionized middle aged. "Crescendo" shows seven girls number of tones in the scale), and the crescendo is unmistakable. Here are Mr. Berenson's tactile values. Across the room is a favorite of ours, "Wind at Evening," a green wind and wonderful landscape. Then there are those two boys set in an autumnal landscape painted in a Spanish gamut, two real clothed boys, who simply saunter over the faded moors. "The Hunter of the Starlands' we once described. Its text may have been plucked from Horne's "Orion," though -that mystic blue sky and the hunter evoke Sir Thomas Browne and "The Huntsmen Are Up in America." is the symbol of the rabbit? Very rich in tone is the landscape "After the part of the new business construction Rain," and human the children of "Beat was intended for manufacturing, but the About the Bush." In "Happy Fields" we see a greensward of a tint that only Degas of Factory Inspection affords indirect ev has caught in some of his racing scenes; but no horses frisk over this velvet. Instead happy creatures game away the golden hours. It's too beautiful to be true, but it's in the true key of Davies. If you crave for fear, rage, combat and port adds that the number of factory overshadowing tempest, there is No. 28, "Storms, Frenzies, Torments." It is infernal in its energy and in its denotement of a nameless anguish.

Enough. These few notes may only darken counsel. The best way to approach the art of Arthur B. Davies is with an open mind. Like what you like, dislike what you dislike. One man's paint may be another's poison. If a fying the congestion of both manufacturfigure seems backed like a whale, weasel or camel, then it is -for you; but don't expect your neighbor to fellow your suit. He may see shrewder into the clearobscure of the painter poet's mirror and discern fairer visions. There is so much discussion regarding this artist that we shopping in Fulton street, Brooklyn, or fear some day some one may publish a in Broad street, Newark; consequently book: "How to Approach Arthur Davies there is a rapid expansion of retail trade Without Emotional Calisthenics. A Har.dbook for Morbid Mystics." If we could merce and on manufacturing. However, only realize how simple in expression are the best of his cauvases, notwithstanding commerce in the same neighborhood is the supposed complexity of his ideas. we might let his thrice subtle magic work its will upon us We know that there is too much perverse caprice in the Davies provision of additional passenger subexhibition the memory like the sound of conceptions; but then he has the creative gift in overflowing measure, and creativeness covers a multitude of caprices

> A CITIZEN'S DISCOVERY. He Attends the Free Public Lectures and

Finds Them Worth While. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic: After Executive Mansion is just three times as residing in New York city for the last six good a name as White House. If y months I have just discovered that a really it, count the syllables. But it is We tion. I am informed that this has been

Anywhere from ten to twenty lectures on Skaneareles, N. Y., February 20 in different parts of the city, but I am sur which he many people, strangers, transients and This is one of the few inventions of so many opportunities are offered them for stage of a country town when the younger

> ways. Many, possibly a majority, of those who attend do so because they live in the population I am safe in saying practically

An Experience With an Express Company.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Referring to the editorial article in The Sun of February 25 dealing with the Foster bill for a cheap parcel post on rural delivery routes, may I ask why there should be such a service for farmers only? In this country of supposed equality there is

more class legislation than probably anywhere take her but not too seriously. The threat eise. Every one wants special privileger, whether he is a farmer, labor union agitator or protected close. Here they are: That a cheap parcels post for everybody is

money refunded. as the matter is too small to hand to a lawyer for collection. Complaints the president of the company have been futile. and compel a refund. With the post office authorities I would have more luck. W. HEINCERN: EAST ORANGE, N. J., February 26. "Speculation": a Poem by a Moralist of 1837.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. I enclose clipping which I've just picked up that may interest you. How apropos to our pro legislation. Isn't it a lesson to our s NEW YORK, February 25.

These newlangled ways which are seen nowadays Are the curse and the bane of the nation: They're full of concelt and with mischief replete. A delusive and vile speculation.

Silly whims of John Bull, and of folis so full That they merit our full condemnation: So pocket your gold and no longer be fool of With this game people call speculation. A fig for steam hoats and United States notes, They're a tissue of vile botheration; We can sait full as fast with a brig and a mast, So let's have no more speculation?

When a barrel or sack you can take on your back And thus stop every wild speculation. Then these fine beaver hats and your foppish It's a shame they are used in this nation.

What's the use of a dray to take baggage away; Locomotives from station to station:

and shoes.
And it's done to indulge speculation. Then they talk about marriage, and driving a with buggles and sulks in rotation;
With buggles and sulks in rotation;
When a wheelbarrow sure is much more secure.
And it don't want so much speculation.

And some of these loons will use knives and spoons.

But their insolence merits starvation:

Let them trouble their laws with their fingers Let them trouble their jaws with their and paws. And denounce and abhor speculation.

This experiment sure it will bring us a cure And make us the pride of all nations; With "sackcloth and ashes," and dirty old trashes, We'll dish up and damn speculations. BALTIMORE, May 15, 1887.

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Development. The building statistics for the last few years throw some light on the recent increase in the tendency of local travel to outstrip population in growth. The fig. ures indicate, as one would expect, a since the introduction of subway and tunnel construction. The influence of the new high speed underground transportation is seen in a rapid diffusion of residence housing after the opening of the subway. Thus in 1905 about 42 per cent. of the dwelling supply provided during the year in the greater city was furnished in Manhattan. In 1907 the share of new residences of all sorts credited to Manhattan was less than 20 per cent. In that year housing was erected in the central borough for only 41,000

Contrary to expectation, however, the congestion of business has not been diminished. It was of course foreseen that better transportation would favor concentration of commerce, both retail and wholesale, in Manhattan, but it was believed that manufacturing would follow the residence population into the sub-(seven, the mystic number; seven, the urbs. No one doubted that the chean rents and the cheap labor in the foreign colonies growing up in the outlying bor. oughs would attract manufactures par ticularly as the Federal Census of 1900 had disclosed a migration of factory industries from urban to suburban locations under the influence of modern faci ties of communication.

However, the building figures reveal no such migration in the case of Manhattan Of the capital invested annually in new business construction in this town the to us those hounds-one bays at the stars proportion invested in Manhattan was 82 per cent, in 1904, 83 per cent, in 1905 and 1906, 82 per cent, in 1907, and 93 pe cent. in 1908. It is impossible to tell from the building statistics just how large a latest printed report of the State Bureau dence that the proportion was larger in Manhattan than in the other boroughs After pointing out an increase of 900 estab. lishments in Greater New York in 1907, as compared with the year before, the reoperatives employed increased by 29,000 Manhattan and The Bronx, 8,000 in Brook lyn, 3,000 in Queens and 1,500 in Richmond Of course the bulk of the increase i Manhattan and The Bronx, or New Yor county, was in the former borough.

Hence subway and tunnel transports tion is increasing traffic not only by de centralizing population but by intensi ing and commerce As regards congestion of business the process appears to be that the reduction in the time of travel from say ten miles an hour to twenty miles is inducing people to shop in Sixth avenue who formerly did their which in turn reacts on wholesale comthe conjunction of manufacturing and feature peculiar to New York.

Evidently this intrusion of manufacturing will not be remedied by the mere ways.

WHERE THE PRESIDENT LIVES. Shall It Be the White House or the Ex ecutive Mansion?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Siz: We are the biggest people on earth and therefore have a right to the biggest names enough nor descriptive enough. The President does no executive business there now.
The offices are outside. He merely lives

there.
The name to give it is Presidential Residential dential Mansion. Trate with our nation rate and commensurate with our nation.

Why Not Let Well Enough Aione TO THE EDITO FOR THE SUN Sie: White House is dignified and sure of itself. Executive Mansion smacks of the raw, growing Recently I attended several lectures and found them very entertaining and instructive, as well as useful and valuable in many "Stony Brook" into "Mahoganagansett Blook and the stony Brook and the st "Stony Brook" into "Mahogat River." Stick to White House HARTFORD, Conn., February 25.

The Threat of the Suffragette.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -ST fragette craze is rampant in this neighborhood We hate to be behind Brooklyn in any wa). The other day a young man with connubial expects. tions came to me in despair. He is engaged to young lady whose opinions have lately advanced. She vows that she will carry threats contained in the following lines if he do not uphold the cause of woman's suffrage. run the course in "The Jackdaw of Rheims " pretty If you don't take our cause up - when your wife

I'll be the greatest plague in all your life I'll have a washing day six times a week Upon your shirts I'll never sew a button.

And for your supper you shall have cold mutton. Or if on pastry you should set your heart I'll never make you pudding, pie or tart If you come home and bring a friend to dine I'll go out -after locking up the wine If to your club at nights you choose to roam I'll fetch you ignominiously home! Whene'er you make a loke I'll pever laugh. Before you die I'll write your epitaph! When wearied out, the day's work being o'er. If you woo slumber, heavens, how I'll spor Or if I'm wakeful, how you'll curse those nights
I'll lecture you—I will—on woman's rights THE BRONK, February 26.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIF: While walk-ing along a brook in the mountains back of Mor-ristown to-day I came to a dam below which was a small pool. At one side of this pool I found an outlet. On the other side was comparatively still water, in the midst of which was about a quart of big chestnuts. They were in a fine state of preservation and very estable. tained a worm, and every one looked like selected fruit. I am wondering if the recent heavy rain has not robbed some animal of his winter store of food by flooding his home. T. E. BATIEN.

Alphabetical Combination From Philadel. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! HETE n twenty-eight-and Heaven help the man who tries to make sense out of it: "Jump. slight

PRILADELPHIA, February 26

Beishazzar had just invented the "My solution of rural uplift!" he cried

Samson's wife had just cut his hair. 'Alas," he moaned, "I should have had by a Government accountant!" George III. was wondering how the true at

"That's pothing," rejoined a suffragette, "flo do the peaches get in jail?"

Goldsmith had just written "Tue Deserted "Got my idea from the town of an ex-President." he explained.